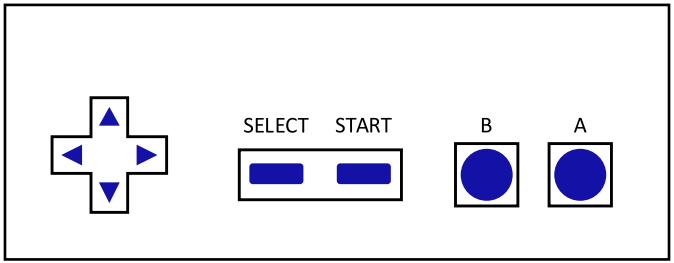
Jane Austen's

8-BIT ADVENTURE

Instruction Booklet

Controls



◀ ▶ Walk left and right

▲ Go up stairs, Enter doors, Read signs

▼ Go down stairs, Crouch

START Pause game

B Action

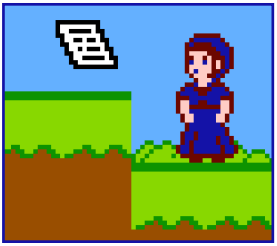
A Jump

Story

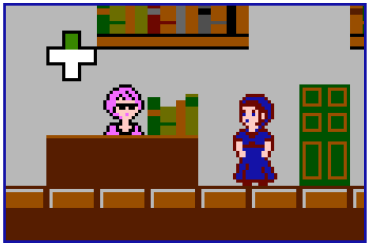
Jane Austen, English novelist, finds herself in an 8-bit video game, where characters from her novels are causing mischief. These characters have stolen Miss Austen's books from the 8-bit library, ripping out the pages they most despise. Jane must now retrieve the missing pages and books and return them to the library!

Mission

Early in the game, you'll meet the librarian. You'll then leave the library through the green door to enter the first stage. Collect the four missing pages, and then defeat one of Miss Austen's characters to reclaim the stolen book. Talk to the librarian again and continue to the next stage.



A missing page



The library

Getting started

On the title screen:

Choose **NEW GAME** to begin a new game.

or

Choose **CONTINUE** and enter a password to resume playing an in-progress game.

or

Choose **OPTIONS** to configure the game's difficulty and sound settings.

Options

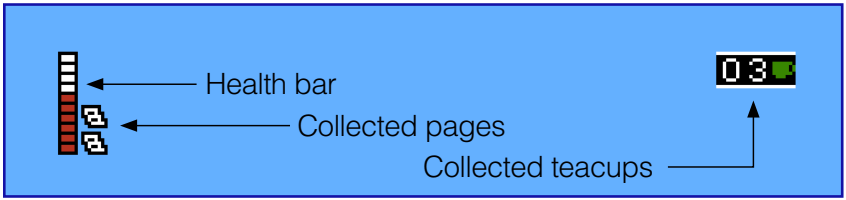
You can adjust the following:

Difficulty:
Normal – Jane's max health is 10
Hard – Jane's max health is 5
Dire – Jane's max health is 1
Casual – Jane cannot be hurt by enemies

Music: On / Off

Sound Effects: On / Off

Status



The **heath bar** indicates Jane's health.
Lose all your health and you'll need to try again.

Jane needs to collect four **pages** on each stage.

Teacups are used to perform certain actions.
Collect as many as you can!

Items

Items can be found in

vases , **candles** , and **baskets** .

Attack these containers to release items.

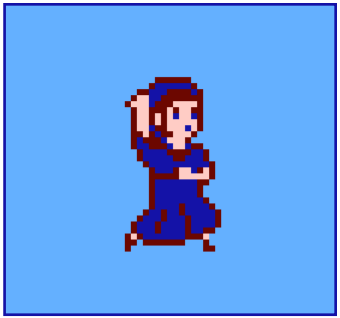
Teacups give the player the power to perform special attacks.

Hearts restore the player's health.

Coffee makes the player temporarily invincible.

Jumping

Tap A for a short jump.

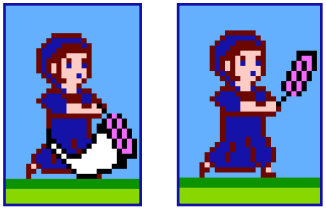


Hold A for a higher jump.

Press ▼ + A to jump down through a platform.

Using the Quill

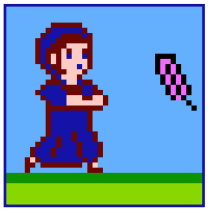
Press B to attack with the quill.



Quill Attack

Press ▲ + B to throw the quill.

Each throw uses one teacup.



Thrown Quill

Stairs, Signs, and Doors

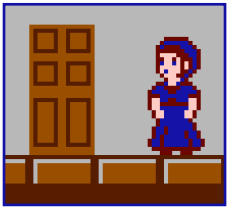
Press ▲ at the foot of a staircase to ascend.

Press ▼ at the top of a staircase to descend.

Press ▲ to read a sign or talk to a character.

Press ▲ to enter a door.

Stairs



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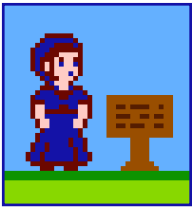
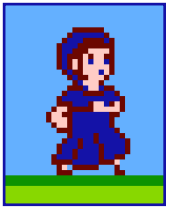


Sign

Abilities

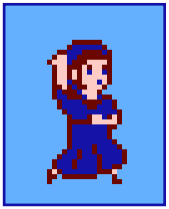


As Jane progresses, she'll gain new abilities which aren't available at the start of the game.

Run

Hold B while pressing ◀ or ▶

Running allows Jane to move twice as fast and make longer jumps.



Air Dash

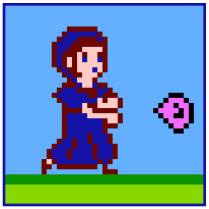
While in the air, press A

Air dashing propels Jane forward during a jump.

Fireball

Press ▼ ◀ ▶ + B or ▼ ▶ ◀ + B

Throwing a fireball attacks all enemies in a line.
A fireball uses one teacup.

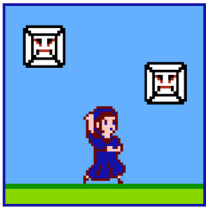


Ground Strike

While in the air, press ▼ + A

Performing a ground strike sends Jane straight down and defeats most enemies directly beneath her. It also sends out shock waves that hit nearby enemies. A ground strike uses one teacup.

Writer's Block



Press ▼ ▲ ▼ + B

This rains down blocks of destruction from the sky, defeating most enemies. Writer's block requires ten teacups.

Locksmith

Once acquired, press ▲ to open doors that were previously locked.

Remember: These abilities aren't available from the start of the game! Jane will gain a new ability after each completed stage.

Passwords

After completing a stage, talk to the librarian to get your password.

Later, you can enter this password on the title screen to resume playing from where you left off.

Librarian - Providing Password

Title Screen - Enter Password

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Classic literature meets classic gaming in Jane Austen's 8-bit Adventure! This 2D platformer stars Jane Austen, English novelist, who finds herself in an 8-bit video game.

- Battle characters from Jane Austen's novels!
- Explore 8-bit England!
- Defeat enemies with a quill!
- Restore Miss Austen's books to the 8-bit library!

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